

## The Mission Field

### MISSIONARY READING CIRCLE

#### COURSE OF READING

First Year	Cloth	Paper
1. Crisis of Missions—(Pierson.)	\$1 06	29
2. Armenian Amphitheater.		09
3. Do Not Say.		09
4. Our Country.	51	25
5. Life of Sammy Morris.		10
6. Choice Extracts—(Meyer.)		05
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The books, together with other literature, such as circulars giving full particulars how and why to organize and read, description of books, etc., can be had by addressing Rev. C. F. Yoder, Warsaw, Ind. Circles should be organized in every congregation.

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### OUR CHICAGO LETTER

We are pushing the cause on amid numerous difficulties, but with a firm determination to progress. Our congregations at night vary from few to many. Brother Rothenberger found us with small crowds on week nights and a good one on Sunday. Brother Yoder found us with a full house on Friday. So it is. The people come and go. Last Sunday night we had rain, but a fair audience. Our Sunday night meetings are usually good, and also on Monday night. Last night Sister Gibbons had a good meeting in the hall and I had a good one on the north side. We are in advance of last year. Our every night service commenced about the middle of December. Now we have members, friends and strangers who drop in and see us, and on whom impressions are made for good, of this we have good practical evidence; besides we have a new nucleus to develop.

#### ILLUSTRATED PREACHING

The National Conference kindly gave me the means of using the lime light in my lantern and I use it once a week. The two gas tanks cost six dollars and twenty-five cents to fill. They will run ten or twelve nights if used with care. So far the collections have paid the expense. No views are used except those that bear on religious subjects and can lead up to Christ. They attract attention and do good. Last week I became acquainted with an entire family and had a most delightful visit from and with them. Like tracts, this method of preaching the truth is with power when properly handled, and I handle it in no other way, having used this means of preaching for the past fifteen years. Those who criticised are simply ignorant of the possibilities. Some day I shall

use it to present trine immersion to the masses, but not as a missionary in Chicago, because of the lack of means.

#### PASTORAL VISITS IN THE CITY

I am sometimes asked by friends if pastoral visits are made here. Why not? Christ is preached here and people love him as elsewhere, then the natural results follow. The vast majority of my visits are of such a nature, that is we spend a short time in conversation, read and pray. Last week my wife and self spent most of the week in the afternoons in this work. At one place we were told of a home where drink was at work, and we went in. The father was off drunk, the mother in trouble. My little girl held the baby and the mother looking in the face of her baby said so earnestly, "oh, my little baby, before I will part from you, I will go to the lake." She meant by this, that before she would part from her baby she would go to the lake and commit suicide, as so many do. More than one a day take their own life in this city. Just think of it for a moment and then ask why, and what a field you have to roam in.

#### SOME BAD CASES

Speaking of that baby reminds me of an accident the other day. A man weighing over two hundred came running into the room where I was, holding in his arms a little four year old girl; her face and hands were covered with blood, and from her mouth projected a handle of some instrument. The man's face was white and from his forehead rolled great beads of sweat. The baby was held and the instrument taken from her mouth. She had fallen down stairs with one of those long steel button hooks in her mouth; the hook had run under her tongue. The scene was rather an exciting one for a little while. I went in to see the little thing the next morning, and I have no doubt she will come out all right. She was a saloon keeper's daughter. Perhaps some good will come out of it. I do know that there are lots of boys and girls hooked by satan. I wish we could pull them out and free them from trouble.

#### A PATIENT WOMAN.

We have attending our services a lady who has been greatly afflicted. She was born perfect as far as eye could see, but disease came and she is but the remnant of a woman in size, being brought to church in a baby carriage. Her lower limbs have wasted away, one heel is resting on the knee; her bones easily break and only last week she had a bone broken. She has had her bones broken some fifty-three times. Think of it, those of you who have your little pains and grumble, yet she is jovial and good natured. She told me recently that she sits up until one o'clock to read Doctrinal Points on Baptism, in which she is greatly interested. In a city like this we come in contact with all kinds of people, and on another occasion I may speak of some peculiar cases I have met with. They say it takes all kinds of people

to make a world. In my judgment they are all here.

#### FACE THE FACTS

We have opened this mission. It takes means to sustain it. You know this without my telling it. I foresaw the special and extra demands for October and went out to solicit and to some extent was successful. I met all the October demands. When November came I wrote to Brother Cassel; he sent me \$50. I paid a month's rent in advance, used the eight dollars for little items needed and at this time am without a red. I will not undertake to run this work that way. There ought to be over a hundred dollars sure every month, without my having to look for any. When I leave there is a break; if away any length of time harm comes. Your own work is this way in a country town, it is more harmful here. Why not stand by the work and keep your own prayers answered. This is the work that now demands your attention. If you can get a man to do your work better than I am doing it, send him on. I am willing he should take the burden—but while I am here I expect the church to do her duty.

#### COMING CHRISTMAS

There are about two hundred children here I would like to give a dinner to on Xmas day. Will you help me? Keep the time in view and send us a box. We have just received one from Elkhart, Ind., to whom we extend our prayer thanks. Let us move at once in the right direction quick and powerful that the coming Kingdom may be met.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

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### THE MISSIONARY CIRCLE

The writer has been too busy recently to bring the work of the circle before the people properly.

The work however has been moving along.

Two names have been added since last report as follows: C. U. Yoder, Morrill, Kan., Rev. J. M. Murray, Aleppo, Pa. A donation of \$1.50 has been received for the work.

The next book in the course for the first year is "choice extracts," from the writings of F. B. Meyer.

It costs but five cents, and may be obtained of the secretary. It is full of soul food and leads one into the secret of the blessed life.

If you have never taken time to look into the work of the circle send to the secretary for circulars.

C. F. YODER.

Warsaw, Ind.

Let us remember that the blood of over fifty thousand heathen, dying daily without the knowledge of God, will rest upon this generation if we neglect to rise with a mighty purpose to the work he has given us the privilege and responsibility of doing.—Joseph Booth.